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SUMMARY: IN HIS ADDRESS TO TWENTY-FIFTH CPSU CONGRESS, PCP
SECGEN ALVARO CUNHAL CLAIMED HIS PARTY DID NOT SEEK TO TAKE
POWER BY FORCE, PLAYED ON DANGER TO PORTUGUESE REVOLUTION
FROM RIGHT, AND REITERATED CALL FOR RAPPROCHEMENT WITH
SOCIALISTS. END SUMMARY.

1. LISBON PRESS HAS REPORTED THAT, IN HIS ADDRESS TO THE
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TWENTY-FIFTH CPSU CONGRESS FEB 26, PORTUGUESE COMMUNIST

PARTY SECGEN ALVARO CUNHAL MADE FOLLOWING MAJOR POINTS:

-- PCP DID NOT SEEK TO TAKE POWER IN PORTUGAL BY FORCE;

-- INTERNATIONAL IMPERIALISM AND REACTION WERE CURRENTLY USING EVERY POSSIBLE MEANS OF "BLACKMAIL AND INTERFERENCE" TO STEM THE PORTUGUESE REVOLUTION;

-- THE REVOLUTION COULD ONLY BE "VICTORIOUS" WITH ACTIVE PCP SUPPORT;

-- A RAPPROCHEMENT BETWEEN PORTUGUESE SOCIALISTS AND COMMUNISTS WOULD BE OF GREAT IMPORTANCE; THIS WAS ALREADY BEING ACHIEVED AT SOME LEVELS DESPITE THE RESISTANCE OF THE PS LEADERSHIP.

2. CUNHAL ALSO LASHED OUT AT THE PEOPLES REPUBLIC OF CHINA. ACCUSING THE PRC OF FAILING TO ESTABLISH DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WITH PORTUGAL BECAUSE OF PCP PARTICIPATION IN THE GOVERNMENT, CUNHAL SCORED THE CHINESE FOR ABETTING REACTION IN PORTUGAL BY ITS SUPPORT OF LOCAL MAOIST ORGANIZATIONS.

3. COMMENT: CUNHAL'S MOSCOW COMMENTS ARE ENTIRELY CONSISTENT WITH THE PCP OFFICIAL LINE SINCE THE ABORTIVE NOV 25 LEFT WING COUP. BY PLAYING UP THE DANGER OF A RETURN TO FASCISM AND THEIR OWN INDISPENSABILITY TO THE REVOLUTIONARY PROCESS, THE COMMUNISTS HAVE SOUGHT TO PRESSURE THE SOCIALIST LEADERSHIP INTO COOPERATING MORE CLOSELY WITH THE PCP.
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